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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances fairly good with some improvement noted in spot locations. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to available for the quiet to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were noted as usually normal. Spent hens were about sufficient for the moderate to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as regular for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good with feature activity providing the best consumer interest. Food service movement was slow to mostly fair. Supplies remained fully adequate to ample for current needs.

EXTRA LARGE	45-54	49-51	<b>IA-MN-WI</b> Prices paid to producers. <b>Range Mostly</b>
LARGE	45-53	47-50	
MEDIUM	29-35	32-34	
			LARGE 22-29 24
			MEDIUM 7-11 9
			SMALL 2-4

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair. Supplies remained fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to available for schedules that were reported as usually normal. Demand was only fair. Spent hens were about sufficient for the moderate to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	53-57
LARGE	46-60	51-55
MEDIUM	30-43	35-37

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good with planned and ongoing feature activity providing some much needed consumer interest. Food service demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies remained fully adequate to available for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to sharply lower with checks and undergrades 3 cents lower. Demand was quiet for the fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady at current quoted mostly price.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	52.5-61	54-57
LARGE	50.5-59	52-55
MEDIUM	32.5-41	34-37

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the weekend. Demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies on all sizes were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to available for the fair demand. Spent hen offerings were about adequate for normal processing schedules.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-67	53-56
LARGE	50-67	51-54
MEDIUM	32.5-44	33-37

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for trade requirements.

	<b>RANGE</b>
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	37-41

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand noted as slightly improved to moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	51-59	53-55
LARGE	50-58	51-54
MEDIUM	36-43	37-39

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**WESTERN REGION** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 6 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 6 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 50. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 2 for \$3.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	70

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	76-85
EXTRA LARGE	74-80
LARGE	72-75
MEDIUM	57-60

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	249-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were unchanged to sharply lower with checks and undergrades 3 cents lower. Demand was quiet as the week came to a close and most breakers' production needs were well covered for next week. Offerings were fully adequate. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady at the current quoted mostly price.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-29	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were sharply lower when compared to early week trading. The undertone was unsettled to barely steady. Demand was only fair as traders continue closely watching further market developments. Supplies were fully adequate to available with additional graded loose eggs being offered to the breakers. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 09-Oct-2004 were 6% more than the previous week, and 3% more than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	25-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-16
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 09-OCT-04  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,296,158	30,102	12,386	6,675	2,243	4,493
PW	1,248,956	29,404	12,269	6,532	2,331	4,432
LY	1,257,598	30,867	11,291	5,783	2,337	4,306
% CHG PW	4	2	1	2	-4	1
% CHG LY	3	-2	10	15	-4	4
2004	49,340,562	1,170,176	474,369	256,454	109,553	169,112
2003	46,743,042	1,139,872	425,994	231,692	94,426	167,907
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	11	16	1
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			41.40	42.15	41.55	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			37.93	38.60	38.12	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 44.5 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg and yolk with whites steady. Offerings were adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate for whole egg and yolk with whites adequate. Demand this week continued good for whole egg, fairly good for whites, and just fair for yolk. Additional interest in whole egg and yolk was reported as slowing as many buyers anticipate lower trending prices. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	20	27.5-32	30.45	-3.40
WHITES	19	29-30	29.82	-.18
YOLKS	12	48-50	49.63	-1.61

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged on whites, but unchanged to lower on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was usually about steady on yolk items, unsettled on whole, and mostly steady on whites. Supplies were clearing to available. Demand was slow to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 09-Oct-2004 were 5% less than the previous week, and 4% less than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	39-45	39-44	46-50
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-80
WHITES	41-47	42-44	49-56
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-61	56-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57	54-56	59-65

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 to 2 cents lower with sugared yolk prices unchanged. Frozen whites and salted yolk prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and and generally steady on the balance of frozen products. Demand was fairly good to good for all products with offerings adequate although becoming more available for frozen whole egg. Breaking stock prices continued to decline from the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	39-43	
WHITES	43-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 2 cents lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/9 was 8 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	45-48
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, but lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand improved slightly but was still only light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to available. Trade sentiment was mixed and unsettled with traders closely watching further market developments. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Oct-2004 were 4% less than the previous week, and 4% less than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 16% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.51-1.85	MOSTLY 1.59-1.70
YOLKS	1.36-1.60	MOSTLY 1.38-1.46
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.98-3.65	MOSTLY 3.15-3.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY 1.50-1.55

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT. 08, 2004-OCT. 14, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 89.50 FUTURE LOADS 31.25 TOTAL LOADS 120.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	26.00	37.00	26.25	27.60	—	—	7.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	39.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	47.00	48.00	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	41.71	36.80	38.85	36.00	39.25	30.75
GL W LG	—	45.52	30.00	31.64	—	35.00	17.75
GL W MD	24.00	—	19.00	20.00	—	27.00	3.25
GL W SM	27.75	25.63	22.00	24.79	18.50	20.00	6.50
GL BR LG	—	41.00	47.00	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	24.64	27.13	29.17	30.33	32.67	30.15	45.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	26.17	28.33	22.00	27.00	3.50
NRBS - 42	—	21.00	—	—	18.00	18.50	15.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.55	22.25	20.00	21.50	9.25
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.50	14.00	—	—	.50

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	1.00
GL W XL	39.07	—	—	49.50	—	44.00	8.50
GL W LG	37.50	48.00	—	50.50	—	42.00	3.50
GL W MD	23.70	—	—	—	30.60	31.67	10.50
NRBS - 42	16.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was moderate to at least moderate with offerings of spent hens about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were generally steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 5-10 8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate. Offerings were at least adequate. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate for the mostly good demand. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 5-8

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	55.00	53.00	36.00
SOUTHEAST	54.50	52.50	35.00
MIDWEST	50.00	48.50	33.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	55.50	53.50	35.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.80	51.93	34.88

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were generally adequate for trade needs.. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)  
28-33 MAJORITY 28-29 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)  
29-34 MAJORITY 30-32 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 09-OCT-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,270	1,512	2,782
Last Week	1,416	1,573	2,989
Same week yr ago	1,263	1,443	2,706
To-date/2004	54,574	54,002	108,576
To-date/2003	59,137	56,418	115,555

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	185	8	193
Last Week	410	0	410
Same week yr ago	141	0	141
To-date/2004	9,641	99	9,740
To-date/2003	9,517	133	9,650

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,455	1,520	2,975
Last Week	1,826	1,573	3,399
Same week yr ago	1,404	1,443	2,847
To-date/2004	64,215	54,101	118,316
To-date/2003	68,654	56,551	125,205

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 02, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	278	450	12,575	12,764
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	56	42	548	430
Total	334	492	13,134	13,290

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 02, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	98	116	6,883	4,445
Frozen	40	127	1,368	2,809
Dried	0	40	1,853	983
Total	138	283	10,104	8,237

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 02, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	14	378	353
Extra Large	4,130	240	148,454	21,257
Large	8,700	4,760	301,599	89,056
Medium	2,076	810	99,198	47,817
Ungraded	6,696	10,880	242,442	137,510
Misc	0	0	16,790	13,442
Total	21,602	16,704	808,861	309,435

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) Processed other

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	10/11/04	3,333	186,452	56,769
AM	10/01/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
CHG		58	3468	-1307
PCT CHG		2%	2%	-2%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 09-Oct-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	31.4	29.6	6	23
Boston	3.4	3.0	13	-3
Chicago	60.6	58.5	4	8
Detroit	25.6	30.3	-16	-8
Kansas City	2.0	2.0	0	-71
Los Angeles	86.7	86.2	1	-2
New Orleans	9.6	8.1	19	11
New York	29.6	28.1	5	3
St. Louis	18.6	15.5	20	1
San Francisco	19.8	19.3	3	-11
Total	287.3	280.6	2	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.5			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 09-Oct-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	236.3	1	7
East North Central	547.8	-1	2
West North Central	288.8	2	3
South Atlantic	219.7	4	1
South Central	65.5	-3	-6
West	204.0	12	9
Total	1562.1	2	3
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Oct 12, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	98	95	65	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	91-95	89-93	58-62	38-42
MOSTLY	93-94	91-92	60-61	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	97-101	95-99	64-68	44-48
MOSTLY	97	95	64	44
VERMONT	101-105	99-100	68-69	-
MOSTLY	101	99	68	-

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